Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 CAIRO 15300 191113Z
ACTION NEA-11

INFO OCT-01 ISO-00 CIAE-00 DODE-00 PM-05 H-01 INR-10
L-03 NSAE-00 PA-01 SP-02 SS-15 IO-13 OMB-01
TRSE-00 SSM-03 NSCE-00 SSO-00 ICAE-00 INRE-00
NEAE-00 ACDA-12 HA-05 MCT-01 /084 W
----------124481 191140Z /17
O 191105Z JUN 78
FM AMEMBASSY CAIRO
TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 0462
INFO AMCONSUL ALEXANDRIA
AMEMBASSY AMMAN
AMEMBASSY BEIRUT
AMEMBASSY DAMASCUS
AMCONSUL JERUSALEM IMMEDIATE
AMEMBASSY JIDDA
USMISSION SINAI
AMEMBASSY TEL AVIV IMMEDIATE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE CAIRO 15300

E.O. 11652: NA
TAGS: PBOR PDEV EG IS XF
SUBJECT: PRESS REACTION TO ISRAELI ANSWERS

SUMMARY. PRESS REACTION TO ISRAELI ANSWERS FINDS THEM "VAGUE" AND A "PROCRASTINATION". ANSWERS SILENT ON FUTURE OF WEST BANK/GAZA AFTER FIVE YEARS AND HOW ISRAELIS SEE SOLUTION OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM. ANSWERS SEEN AS ANOTHER EXAMPLE OF BEGIN "INTRANSIGENCE". NEVERTHELESS, EGYPT WILL PERSIST IN PEACE EFFORTS; INTRANSIGENCE CANNOT LONG ENDURE IN FACE OF "FACTS OF HISTORY". GOE-INSPIRED REACTION RESTRAINED BUT UNDERCURRENT OF STRONG DISAPPOINTMENT CLEAR. END SUMMARY.

1. REPLY "VAGUE"/"PROCRASTINATION". AHRAM EDITORIAL
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 CAIRO 15300 191113Z

JUNE 19 COMMENTS THAT ANSWERS, AFTER MORE THAN TWO MONTHS OF DELIBERATION, CHARACTERIZED BY "PROCRASTINATION". ISRAEL NOT ABLE TO SPECIFY WHAT FUTURE OF WEST BANK AND GAZA WILL BE AT END OF FIVE YEARS. ANSWERS WERE ALSO SILENT ON END OF ISRAELI OCCUPATION AND GAVE NO PICTURE OF HOW PALESTINIAN PROBLEM TO BE SOLVED, WHICH IS HEART OF THE MATTER.

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

2. ISRAELI INTRANSIGENCE. AHRAM SEES NO CHANGE IN ISRAEL'S INTERPRETATION OF 242, DESPITE FACT "WHOLE WORLD" BELIEVES 242 APPLIES ON ALL FRONTS. BEGIN STAND REPRESENTS NOT ONLY REJECTION OF THE CURRENT CHANCE FOR PEACE BUT ALSO "CHALLENGE" TO THE AMERICAN STAND WHICH CLEARLY AND FRANKLY STATES ISRAEL TO WITHDRAW FROM ALL FRONTS AND ACCEPT 242. GUMHURIYYA COMMENTS THAT BEGIN'S REPLY IS "NEW LINK" IN SERIES OF "INTRANSIGENT" STANCES AGAINST PEACE EFFORTS AND ONLY PROVES ANEW BEGIN'S PERSISTENCE IN A POLICY REJECTED BY WHOLE WORLD, EVEN BY "LARGE SECTORS OF THE ISRAELI PEOPLE AND ISRAELI CABINET ITSELF."

3. EGYPT TO CONTINUE PEACE EFFORTS. GUMHURIYYA COMMENT ADDS EGYPT DETERMINED TO CONTINUE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH PEACE "DESPITE BEGIN'S ATTEMPTS" UNTIL A JUST AND PERMANENT SOLUTION IS REACHED WHICH SECURES ISRAELI WITHDRAWAL FROM ALL THE OCCUPIED ARAB TERRITORIES AND SECURES THE PALSTINIAN PEOPLES' RIGHTS "FOREMOST AMONG WHICH IS THEIR RIGHT TO SELF-DETERMINATION AND THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A STATE ON THEIR LAND." AHRAM EDITORIAL CONCLUDES THAT DESPITE ISRAELI "PROCRASTINATION", BEGIN'S POLICY CANNOT LONG ENDURE IN FACE OF "FACTS OF HISTORY". ISRAEL MUST ACCOMMODATE ITSELF "TO THE NEW FACTS OF OUR WORLD, WHETHER BEGIN IS IN POWER OR NOT."
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

4. WEIZMAN'S DISSENT. IN ADDITION THEMES OF VAGUENESS AND PROCRASTINATION, FRONT PAGES HIGHLIGHT FACT THAT WEIZMAN VOTED AGAINST MAJORITY, JOINING THE FOUR MEMBERS OF THE DMC. TEXT OF ISRAELI ANSWER CARRIED IN BOTH ENGLISH AND ARABIC.

5. COMMENT. PRELIMINARY REACTION REFLECTS OBVIOUS GOE-INSPIRED RESTRAINT, BUT THERE IS CLEARLY STRONG FEELING OF DISAPPOINTMENT HERE. EILTS

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 jan 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: PRESS COMMENTS, CABINET, POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, MEETING REPORTS, NEGOTIATIONS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 19 jun 1978
Decaption Date: 01 jan 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 20 Mar 2014
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1978CAIRO15300
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Expiration:
Film Number: D780254-1124
Format: TEL
From: CAIRO
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1978/newtext/t19780646/aaaabnga.tel
Line Count: 104
Litigation Code IDs:
Litigation Codes:
Litigation History:
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Message ID: 81054186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Office: ACTION NEA
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: n/a
Retention: 0
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 05 may 2005
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review Media Identifier:
Review Release Date: N/A
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
SAS ID: 2303600
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: PRESS REACTION TO ISRAELI ANSWERS SUMMARY. PRESS REACTION TO ISRAELI ANSWERS FINDS THEM \"VAGUE\" AND A \"PROCRASTINATION\". ANSWERS SILENT O
TAGS: PBOR, PDEV, SOPN, EG, IS, XF, US
To: STATE
Type: TE
vdkvgwkey: odbc://SAS/SAS.dbo.SAS_Docs/81054186-c288-dd11-92da-001cc4696bcc
Review Markings:
Sheryl P. Walter
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
20 Mar 2014
Markings: Sheryl P. Walter Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 20 Mar 2014